

## House Resolution 115

By: Representatives Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, Mills of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Dr. Samuel O. Poole; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel O. Poole was born on March 31, 1925, in Americus, Georgia, and  
3 graduated from Emory University School of Medicine in 1949; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dr. Poole served as an internist for a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH)  
5 unit during the Korean War and later spent his medical career in private practice in  
6 Gainesville, Georgia, where he lived out his passion of practicing medicine and helping  
7 others; and
- 8 WHEREAS, his commitment to providing medical care to his community was demonstrated  
9 by his service as one of the founders of the Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic in 1972 and  
10 by his service in 1967 as chief of staff, and later, director of the coronary care unit and  
11 director of cardiology for the Northeast Georgia Medical Center; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1993, Dr. Poole became a volunteer physician at the Good News Clinic in  
13 Gainesville, and a year later was named the clinic's medical director, a position he held until  
14 his passing on September 6, 2006, at the age of 81; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the Good News Clinic is devoted to caring for the indigent, homeless, and those  
16 that cannot afford medical insurance or medical care and, under the direction of Dr. Poole,  
17 the clinic grew to become the largest free medical clinic in Georgia and one of the largest in  
18 the nation; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many contributions and tireless efforts to treat those in  
20 need, on August 10, 2006, the Good News Clinic was renamed in Dr. Poole's honor; and
- 21 WHEREAS, he was a faithful and devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville  
22 where he served as a deacon and trustee; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Poole was a devoted husband to his wife, Bess, and a loving father to their  
2 two daughters, Julie Knotts and Ellen Overley, and son, Sam Poole, Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, this caring practitioner and dedicated professional brought medical care and  
4 relief to hundreds, and during the course of his extraordinary career, he touched the lives of  
5 countless patients; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Poole was a remarkable man filled with much strength of character and  
7 compassion for those in need, and he will always be remembered in the hearts of those who  
8 knew him and loved him dearly; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel O. Poole went above and beyond the call of duty to provide caring  
10 and quality treatment to his patients, often at great personal sacrifice to himself, and it is  
11 abundantly fitting and proper that the dedicated service of this amazing doctor be  
12 appropriately recognized.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of Dr.  
15 Samuel O. Poole and extend to his family their utmost appreciation for his dedicated service  
16 to the citizens of Georgia.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Samuel O.  
19 Poole.